Ill Treatment of Para-Military Forces

5952. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the ill-treatment being meted out to women by the para-military forces in Tripura at the time of raids;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the directions given to the forces regarding protection of rights of the women at the time of raids?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR) : (a) to (c) A few allegations of ill-treatment to women in Tripura by Central para-military personnel have been brought to the notice of the Government. In some cases police cases have been registered. Guidelines have been issued to the forces to protect the rights of the women.

[Translation]

Funds under Coaching Schools

5953. SHRI RAVINDRA KUMAR PANDEY : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount given to Bihar State under coaching and related schemes during the last two years and upto February, 1997 in the current year;

(b) the number of coaching centres/private institutions/universities being run/proposed to be run in Bihar under the said scheme;

(c) whether any evaluation for adjustment of the amount provided to Bihar under the said scheme has been made by the Government; and

(d) if so,the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) Amount given to Bihar State under Coaching and related schemes for SCs/STs/OBCs and Minorities during the last two years and upto February, 1997 are as under:

(Rs. in Lakhs)

1995-96	1996-97
18.05	2.90

(b) During this period the number of centres benefitted under the scheme are:

Coaching Centres run by State Govt.	Pvt. Insts.
11	5

(c) and (d) Yes Sir. Adjustment of unspent balance of the preceding year under the schemes are made based on the utilisation certificates received.

Rotten Foodgrains

5954. DR. RAMVILAS VEDANTI :
SHRI SOHANVEER SINGH :

Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether a substantial quantity of foodgrains of Food Corporation of India gets rotten for want of adequate storage facilities;

(b) if so, the quantity and the value of foodgrains so rotten during the last three years state-wise; and

(c) the remedial steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) AND MINISTER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) and (b) No, Sir, However, the stocks of foodgrains damaged due to natural calamities like flood, cyclone etc. are transferred from 'Sound " to "damaged" and such transferred quantities during the last three years and the value, thereof, are as under :

Year	Quantity in MTs.	%age to total stocks	Value in Lakhs of Rs.
1993-94	45786.629	0.25	159.69
1994-95	19126.782	0.09	72.22
1995-96	32719.422	0.23	1601.21

(c) The remedial steps taken by the Government are:

The stocks of foodgrains are stored by scientific methods in the FCI godowns and subjected to thorough examination by trained Quality Control Officers on fortnightly basis regularly. Periodical dis-infestation treatment is imparted to protect the stored grain from spoilage during storage because of various factors like moisture,insects, rodents, micro-organism etc.

Common Programme for Disabled

5955. SHRIMATI LAKSHMI PANABAKA : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether India and China have decided to have a joint plan on action to ensure equal participation of disabled in the society;

(b) whether any seminar in this regard was held in Delhi in March, 1997;